

REMARKS

Claims 18-35 are pending. Claims 21-35 are new.

The Examiner restricted the inventions as follows:

Group I: claims 1-3 and 5-11

Group II: claims 12 and 14-17

Group III: claims 18-20

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Group III claims. Accordingly, the Group I and II claims have been canceled.

Applicant called Examiners Malamud and Layno on August 8, 2007 to discuss concerns Applicant had with the restriction requirement. Two things were agreed upon at that time. First, the Examiners agreed that the previously stated grounds for restricting between the Group I and II claims was not tenable, and hence the Examiners agreed to drop the basis for restriction between Groups I and II. Second, the Examiners agreed that Group III was solely restrictable from Groups I and II only because Group III recited a different preamble from the Group I and II claims.

Accordingly, it was agreed that in this response, Applicant could re-enter the Group I and II claims as new claims 21-35 so long as the preamble was changed to be identical with that used in the Group III claims. Applicant's new claims do indeed make this change.

As a result, the now pending claims are all consonant with Applicant's election of the Group III claims, and no further basis for restriction is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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